GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Revenue Department – Departmental proceedings against Sri Kovvuri Chandra Sekhara Reddy, Deputy Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charge – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 401 Dated: 07-05-2025

Read the following:

1. From the DG, ACB, SC.No.40/DES-REG/2020, dated:15.10.2024.
2. G.O.Ms.No.143, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dated:07.05.2025.

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O R D E R:

Vide G.O. second read above, Orders have been issued to institute common disciplinary proceedings against the Government Servants who are jointly concerned in a disciplinary case pertaining to their commitment in certain irregularities noticed by the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh during the Surprise Check conducted in the O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District, on 24.01.2020.

2. It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri Kovvuri Chandra Sekhara Reddy, Deputy Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule-20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1991 for committing irregularities noticed by the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh during the Surprise Check conducted in the O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District, on 24.01.2020.

3. The substance of the imputations of misconduct in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charge (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the Articles of Charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexures-II & III).

4. Sri Kovvuri Chandra Sekhara Reddy, Deputy Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

5. Sri Kovvuri Chandra Sekhara Reddy, Deputy Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

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6. Sri Kovvuri Chandra Sekhara Reddy, Deputy Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the time specified in Para 3 above further actions will be processed based on the material available.

7. Attention of Sri Kovvuri Chandra Sekhara Reddy, Deputy Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his/her behalf from any other person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri Kovvuri Chandra Sekhara Reddy, Deputy Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his/her instance and action will be taken against him/her for violation of Rule 24 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. JAYALAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Sri Kovvuri Chandra Sekhara Reddy, Deputy Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District ***through*** the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
Copy to:
The District Collector, Kakinada District.
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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI KOVVURI CHANDRA SEKHARA REDDY, DEPUTY TAHSILDAR, O/O TAHSILDAR, PEDAPUDI MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT (ERSTWHILE KAKINADA DISTRICT) IN S.C. NO. 02/SC-RJY/2020 OF ACB, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RANGE.

Sri Kovvuri Chandra Sekhara Reddy, S/o Sathi Reddy, Age 57 years, Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District (Erstwhile Kakinada District) (here-in-after referred to as Government Servant) while functioning as such during the period between 13.07.2019 to 24.01.2020 (till the date of Surprise Check) has committed grave misconduct in as much as:

ARTICLE:

That the Government Servant has failed to maintain certain mandatory registers and also failed to maintain certain mandatory registers up to date in the O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi.

Thus, the Government Servant by his above-mentioned acts has exhibited lack of devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby violated / contravened Rules 3(1) & 3(2) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI KOVVURI CHANDRA SEKHARA REDDY, DEPUTY TAHSILDAR, O/O TAHSILDAR, PEDAPUDI MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT (ERSTWHILE KAKINADA DISTRICT) IN S.C. NO. 02/SC-RJY/2020 OF ACB, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RANGE.

Sri Kovvuri Chandra Sekhara Reddy, S/o Sathi Reddy, Age 57 years is a native of Anaparthi. His date of birth is 13.02.1967. He has joined in Government Service on 25.03.1987 as Junior Assistant and worked at P. Gannavaram from 25.03.1987 to 08.07.1987. Later he was transferred to U. Kothapalli where he worked as Junior Assistant from 19.12.1987 to 28.06.1989. Later he was transferred to Rampachodavaram where he worked as Junior Assistant from 05.07.1989 to 30.06.1990. Later he was transferred to Collectorate where he worked as Junior Assistant from 01.07.1990 to 30.06.2000. Later he was transferred to Sub-Collector's Office, Rajahmundry where he worked as Junior Assistant from 01.07.2000 to 19.11.2001. Later he was transferred to Kapileswarapuram where he worked as MRI from 20.11.2001 to 23.05.2004. Later he promoted as Senior Assistant on 24.05.2004 and worked at GAIL, Rajahmundry from 24.05.2004 to 31.07.2009. Later on 05.08.2009 he was promoted as Deputy Tahsildar and worked at Tribal Welfare, Rampachodavaram from 05.08.2009 to 31.10.2010. Later he was transferred to Rajanagaram where he worked as Deputy Tahsildar from 02.11.2010 to 19.05.2013. Later he was transferred to ONGC, Rajahmundry where he worked as Deputy Tahsildar from 20.05.2013 to 10.11.2014. Later he was transferred to GPA, Kakinada where he worked as Deputy Tahsildar from 18.11.2014 to 12.07.2019. Later he was transferred to Pedapudi where he worked as Deputy Tahsildar from 13.07.2019 to 24.01.2020 (till the date of Surprise Check). His basic pay is Rs. 52,590/-. He is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 28.02.2029. He is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant.

CHARGE:

That the Government Servant has failed to maintain certain mandatory registers and also failed to maintain certain mandatory registers up to date in the O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi.

Facts and Evidence:

During the course of Surprise Check conducted on 24.01.2020 at the O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, the Range Inspector-II requested the Tahsildar to produce the records being maintained in the Tahsildar Office. On that the Tahsildar has produced the following records. The Inspector perused the records and noticed the following:

S.No.	Name of the Record	Remarks
1	Attendance Register	This register is being maintained since 01.01.2020. Previous register was not available

		some of the employees didn't sign on this register.
2	RTI 4 I(B) Register	This register is being maintained from 2017, the recent updates were not entered in the register.
3	Assignment committee Register	This register is not maintained properly after 11.11.2017 no entry was made in the register.
4	Assignment D-Patta Register	This register is not maintained properly, last entry was made on 13.09.1989.
5	Govt., Land Register	This register was not updated after 1996.
6	RTI Application received register	This register is not maintained properly, last entry was made on 29.12.2015.
7	Meetings book	This register is not properly maintained, last meeting was conducted on 20.01.2020.
8	Prohibited for registration of Lands register	This register is being maintained up to date.
9	Distribution Register	This register was maintained upto date; last entry was made on 23.01.2020.
10	Form-VIII issued register	This register is not maintained properly, date of receipt and dispatch of the notices in the register are not entered.
11	Form-17 registers	This register is not maintained properly, registers of all villages in the mandal are available except the registers of Sampara (V) and Rameswaram (V) but date of receipt and dispatch of the Pass Books in the register are not entered.
12	Manual certificate register	Not properly maintained
13	Surplus Land distribution Register	Maintained

It is also observed that, the above registers except the registers mentioned in Sl. Nos. 7 to 9 and 13 are seized by the Inspector of Police duly attested by the mediators and Range Inspector-II.

The following registers are not being maintained in the Tahsildar office, Pedapudi Mandal:

Sl. No.	Name of the Register	Remarks
1.	In-ward Register	Not maintained
2.	Out-ward Register	Not maintained
3.	Mee-Seva Application Register	Not maintained
4.	Aksal Lease Register	Not maintained
5.	Register of Irrigation Sources	Not maintained

6.	Assignment applications register	Not maintained
7.	House sites application register	Not maintained
8.	Master file of Layouts prepared for allotments of house sites both on Govt., lands and acquired	Not maintained
9.	Jamabandhi Register	Not maintained
10.	Mutation Register	Not maintained
11.	Family Membership Certificate Register	Not maintained
12.	C.L Register	Not maintained
13.	Movement Register of Tahsildar	Not maintained
14.	Periodical Register	Not maintained

When the Tahsildar was questioned about the non-maintenance of Assigned Land Patta Register. She stated that she didn't give any Assigned Land Pattas to the poor people.

During the course of further enquiry, Sri A.G. Chinni Krishna, S/o (late) Veeraswamy, Age 54 years, Revenue Divisional Officer, Kakinada Revenue Division, Kakinada district, N/o Pennada Agraharam (V), Palakoderu Mandal, West Godavari district was examined.

On examination he stated that he has been working as Revenue Divisional Officer, Kakinada since 26.08.2019. The Tahsildar Office, Pedapudi comes under his Revenue Division. He knew that the ACB officials conducted Surprise Check on the office of Tahsildar, Pedapudi on 24.01.2020. At the time of Surprise Check Smt. K. Rajya Lakshmi worked as Tahsildar. During the Surprise Check some irregularities were identified by the ACB officials. He perused the copy of Surprise Check Proceedings of office of Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal which was furnished by the Inspector, ACB. On perusal of the report, he came to know that the ACB officials identified some irregularities in the Pedapudi Tahsildar office. First is that the Tahsildar has kept 43 new Pattadar Passbooks in her office without distributing the same to the Pattadars. Even she did not enter the details of the new Pattadar Pass books in the Pattadar Pass books register (17-Register). It is the responsibility of the Tahsildar to ensure proper delivery of the new Pattadar passbooks to the applicants with in stipulated time and to enter the details of the Pattadar Pass books in the 17-Register properly. The requests and Applications of the Public shall be finalized as per the stipulated time as per the citizen's charter. If those requests and applications were kept pending beyond the stipulated period, head of the office would be responsible for the evasion. Second allegation is that the ACB officials found 42 online applications kept pending beyond SLA period. It is the responsibility of the Tahsildar to dispose the online applications within SLA by conducting proper enquiry. Third allegation is that some of the VROs and VRAs have demanded and accepted the bribe amounts from the Pattadar passbook applicants. It is the responsibility of the Tahsildar to supervise her staff properly without doing illegal activities. Fourth allegation is that the mandatory registers like Attendance register; RTI 4(1)(B) Register; Assignment Committee Register;

Assignment D-Patta Register; Government Lands Register; RTI Application Received Register; Form-VIII issue Register; Form-17 Register and Manual Certificate Register were not being maintained up to date by the Government Servant. The registers like Inward Register; Outward Register; Mee-Seva Applications Register; Aksal Lease Register; Register of irrigation Sources Register; Assignment Applications Registers; House Sites Application Register; Master file layouts prepared for allotment of the house site both on Govt. Lands and acquired Lands Register; Jamabandi Register; Mutation Register; Family Membership Certificate Register; C.L. Register and Periodical Registers were not maintained in the Tahsildar Office, Pedapudi by the Government Servant. As per the Revenue Department Manual the above registers and some other registers have to be maintained properly in every office of Tahsildar by the Government Servant. It is purely the responsibility of Government Servant to maintain all registers up to date in the Tahsildar office. It is the responsibility of the Tahsildar to supervise the Government Servant to maintain all the registers as per manual and etc., facts.

As per the Oral evidence mentioned vide Sl. Nos. 01 to 03 of Annexure-III and Documentary evidence mentioned vide Sl. Nos. 01 to 10 of Annexure-IV establishes the above acts exhibited by the Government Servant.

Hence, the Charge against the Government Servant that has failed to maintain certain mandatory registers and also failed to maintain certain mandatory registers up to date in the O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi is held substantiated.

Thus, the Government Servant by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) & 3(2) of A.P Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus, the Government Servant rendered himself for Regular Departmental Enquiry for Major Penalty under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

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ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF WITNESSES

(1). Kum. Donepudi Sony Priya, D/o Jaya Kumar, Age 37 years, Asst., Motor Vehicle Inspector, O/o RTO, Rajamahendravaram, R/o Flat No. S-3, 3rd floor, Ganesh Plaza, Bhaskarnagar, Lalacheruvu, Rajamahendravaram.

She is the 1st Mediator and she speaks about the Surprise Check Proceedings dated 24.01.2020.

(2). Sri Pasalapudi Durga Prasad, S/o Satyanarayana, Age 30 years, Senior Assistant, O/o RTO, Rajamahendravaram.

He is the 2nd Mediator and he speaks about the Surprise Check Proceedings dated 24.01.2020.

(3). Sri A.G. Chinni Krishna, S/o (late) Veeraswamy, Age 54 years, Revenue Divisional Officer, Kakinada Revenue Division, Kakinada district, N/o Pennada Agraharam (V), Palakoderu Mandal, W.G. District.

He speaks that he has been working as Revenue Divisional Officer, Kakinada since 26.08.2019. The Tahsildar Office, Pedapudi comes under his Revenue Division. He knew that the ACB officials conducted Surprise Check on the office of Tahsildar, Pedapudi on 24.01.2020. At the time of Surprise Check the Government Servant is working as Tahsildar. During the Surprise Check some irregularities were identified by the ACB officials. He perused the copy of Surprise Check Proceedings of office of Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal which was furnished by the Inspector, ACB. On perusal of the report, he came to know that the ACB officials identified some irregularities in the Pedapudi Tahsildar office. First is that the Government Servant kept 43 new Pattadar Passbooks in her office without distributing the same to the Pattadars. Even she did not enter the details of the new Pattadar Pass books in the Pattadar Pass books register (17-Register). It is the responsibility of the Government Servant to ensure proper delivery of the new Pattadar passbooks to the applicants with in stipulated time and to enter the details of the Pattadar Pass books in the 17-Register properly. The requests and Applications of the Public shall be finalized as per the stipulated time as per the citizen's charter. If those requests and applications were kept pending beyond the stipulated period, head of the office would be responsible for the evasion. Second allegation is that the ACB officials found 42 online applications kept pending beyond SLA period. It is the responsibility of the Government Servant to dispose the online applications within SLA by conducting proper enquiry. Third allegation is that some of the VROs and VRAs have demanded and accepted the bribe amounts from the Pattadar passbook applicants. It is the responsibility of the Government Servant to supervise her staff properly without doing illegal activities. Fourth allegation is that the mandatory registers like Attendance register; RTI 4(1)(B) Register; Assignment Committee Register; Assignment D-Patta Register; Government Lands Register; RTI Application Received Register; Form-VIII issue Register; Form-17 Register and Manual Certificate Register were not being maintained up to date by the Deputy Tahsildar. The registers like Inward Register; Outward Register; Mee-Seva Applications

Register; Aksal Lease Register; Register of irrigation Sources Register; Assignment Applications Registers; House Sites Application Register; Master file layouts prepared for allotment of the house site both on Govt. Lands and acquired Lands Register; Jamabandi Register; Mutation Register; Family Membership Certificate Register; C.L. Register and Periodical Registers were not maintained in the Tahsildar Office, Pedapudi by the Deputy Tahsildar. As per the Revenue Department Manual the above registers and some other registers have to be maintained properly in every office of Tahsildar by the Deputy Tahsildar. It is purely the responsibility of Deputy Tahsildar to maintain all registers up to date in the Tahsildar office. It is the responsibility of the Government Servant to supervise the Deputy Tahsildar to maintain all the registers as per manual and etc., facts.

(4). Sri P.V. Ravi Kumar, Addl. S.P., Anti-Corruption Bureau, Rajamahendravaram Range, Rajamahendravaram.

He speaks about the Surprise Check conducted at the O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi on 24.01.2020 under his supervision and etc., facts.

(5). Sri V. Pulla Rao, Inspector of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Rajamahendravaram Range, Rajamahendravaram.

He speaks about the Surprise Check conducted at the O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi on 24.01.2020 under the supervision of Addl. S.P., ACB, Rajamahendravaram Range, Rajamahendravaram and etc., facts.

(6). Sri T. Naresh, SI of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Rajamahendravaram Range, Rajamahendravaram.

He speaks about his participation in the Surprise Check and assisting the Addl. S.P, ACB, Rajamahendravaram Range at the time of Surprise Check and etc., facts.

(7). Sri N.V. Bhaskara Rao, Inspector of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Rajamahendravaram Range, Rajamahendravaram.

To speak about the facts of preparing and submitting Draft Article of Charges against the Government Servants–01 to 06 to the Head Office, ACB, A.P., Vijayawada and etc., facts.

(8). Any other witnesses whose evidence is relevant during the inquiry.

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ANNEXURE –IV

LIST OF DOCUMENTS:

(1). Surprise Check proceedings dated. 24.01.2020 drafted in the office of Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada district.

It provides the details of events happened on the day of Surprise Check including seizure of registers, non-maintenance of records, examination of witnesses and other deviations etc.

(2). Attendance Register:

It reveals that, maintained printed register from January 01.01.2020. Previous register was not available some of the employees didn't sign on this register.

(3). RTI 4 I(B) Register:

It reveals that, it is prepared in the year 2017 the recent updates were not entered in the register.

(4). Assignment committee Register:

It reveals that, it is not properly maintained after 11.11.2017 no entry was made in the register.

(5). Assignment D-Patta Register:

It reveals that, it is not maintained properly, last entry was made on 13.09.1989.

(6). Govt., Land Register: It reveals that, it is not updated after 1996.

(7). RTI Application received register:

It reveals that, it is not maintained properly, last entry was made on 29.12.2015.

(8). Form-VIII issued register:

It reveals that, it is not maintained properly, date of receipt and dispatch of the notices in the register are not entered.

(9). Form-17 registers:

It reveals that, it is not maintained properly, registers of all villages in the Mandal are available except the registers of Sampara and Rameswaram but date of receipt and dispatch of the Pass Books in the register are not entered.

(10). G.O. Ms. No. 03 of Revenue (Ser-III) Department dated 05.11.1990 & G.O. Ms. No. 20 of Revenue (Ser-II) Department dated 20.01.2016 of Government of Andhra Pradesh regarding Job Chart of Dy. Tahsildar.

(11). Letter Ref: B/28/2020, Dt. 24.02.2023 O/o the Tahsildar, Pedapudi (M), Kakinada district.

(12). Any other records which are required during the course of investigation will be obtained.

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